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TAGS: USIRJC  
SUBJ: PAYMENT FOR FHWA PROJECT

REF: A. STATE 086839, B. 77 TEHRAN 8306

1. USIRJC OFFICER MET APRIL 10 WITH MORT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ORGANIZATION, METHOD AND MANPOWER PLANNING KOHZAD AZARHOUSH AND TWO MORT ACCOUNTANTS FAMILIAR WITH THE FHWA CASE.
2. MORT ACCEPTS DOLS390,149.79 FIGURE FOR BILLINGS COVERING DECEMBER 1976 TO JUNE 1977 PERIOD AS VALID, AND HAS ITEMIZED BILLS FOR ALL. AS STATED IN REFTEL B, FHWA WAS NOT REIMBURSED FOR THESE BILLINGS BECAUSE MINISTRY DECIDED TO LET FHWA DEDUCT SUM FROM DOLS 500,000 DOLLAR WORKING FUND. NO PROLBEM HERE.
3. HOWEVER MORT QUESTIONS MONTHLY BILLINGS FOR POST-JUNE 1977 PERIOD, AS THEY NEVER RECEIVED ACTUAL ITEMIZED BILLS. UPON PROVISION, THEY WILL EXAMINE THEM AND, IF ACCEPTABLE, PAY THEM.
4. FURTHERMORE, RE CLOSE-OUT COSTS CITED IN MEMORANDUM WHICH WAS GIVEN TO AZARHOUSH IN WASHINGTON DURING UNCLASSIFIED

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JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, MORT ASKS THAT FHWA FURTHER BREAK DOW STATE DEPARTMENT FAAS FY-77 CHARGES OF DOLS86,131.59, DISBURSEMENTS IN TEHRAN FOR SHIPMENT OF HHE (PARTIAL) OF DOLS18,800.00, AND ESTIMATED OUTSTANDING BILLINGS FOR SHIPMENT OF HHE, AIR FREIGHT, AUTOMOBILES, DAMAGE CLAIMS, ETC., OF DOLS91,500.00. PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES OF ACTUAL BILLINGS PAID.

5. FINALLY, MORT ASKS FOR A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED DURING COURSE OF PROGRAM SO AS TO CALCULATE FHWA'S TAX LIABILITY. MORT WILL ASSUME THIS LIABILITY, BUT NEEDS COMPLETE FIGURES SO AS TO COMPUTE CORRECT PERCENTAGE. THIS NEED NOT BE TOO SPECIFIC AS APPROXIMATE MONTHLY TOTALS WILL SUFFICE.

6. MORT MORE THAN WILLING TO ACCEPT THAT IT MAY OWE MORE MONEY BUT DUE TO GREAT COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS, HAS NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE NATURE OF THE VARIOUS CLAIMS BY FHWA. HAD ITEMIZED BILLINGS BEEN PROVIDED EACH TIME A CLAIM WAS MADE, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO DELAY. INSTEAD, MORT WAS SIMPLY TOLD THAT X DOLLARS WERE STILL OWED, WITHOUT ADEQUATE EXPLANATION OR JUSTIFICATION. CITING QUOTE ESTIMATED CLOSE-OUT COSTS UNQUOTE WAS SIMPLY INSUFFICIENT.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) ITEMIZE BILLINGS FOR POST-JUNE 1977 PERIOD, (B) PROVIDE BILLINGS FOR CLOSE-OUT COSTS, AND (C) SUBMIT COMPLETE ACCOUNTING FOR TOTAL PROGRAM.  
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